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Gotkis et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 23, 2005. A two-month extension of time is petitioned for to extend the time for response to January 5, 2006. Please consider the following remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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